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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I insist that you stop the current US Telecom petition that would dismantle critical components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. Competition is key to new innovations that deliver better bandwidth to end customers.

Why are average Internet speeds in South Korea (ranked #1 in Q1 2017 by Fastmetrics) far better than in Silicon Valley, CA (US #10)? Why has the USA slipped to 9th in fixed broadband speed and 46th for mobile Internet speed? It's because US Government-backed monopolistic telcos who "throttle" and make money by forcing customers pay more per Gigabyte used rather than promoting "net-neutrality" and open competition in apps areas such as gaming, social networks, creative digital home networks, and other bandwidth-limited innovations.

According to Kevin Murnane (Forbes 11-2017 'Speedtest Ranks 100 Countries') "The US ranks 9th in the world in fixed broadband speed at 70.75 Mbps average download and 27.64 Mbps average upload... but the US's average download speed is less than half top-ranked Singapore's 154.38 Mbps. (And) ...when you look at mobile internet speed where the US ranks 46th, just ahead of Albania and behind Oman... from 2016 to 2017 the US fell from 44th to 46th in the world".

Take for example, an innovative Danish app called "Be My Eyes" at www.bemyeyes.com. This enabled sight limited folks to use Siri (away) or Alexis (at home) to "okay... call be my eyes" to receive help from one of 1.5 million registered Volunteers in 150 countries who speak 180 different languages. These sight-challenged folks need affordable Video bandwidth (UP and DOWN) to get assistance reading prescription bottles, check food expiration dates, re-orient them in a new location, or even be assured with something as simple as selecting the correct shirt color.

I am in favor of saving competition from local specialty firms like Sonic, Utility Telecom, and small LEC's who not only serve rural areas but also aggressively compete in urban areas with new fiber technology as well. Don't let the big Telco companies "throttle" these smaller competitors. For example, Sonic currently delivers 1G fiber services to San Francisco for about \$40/month. Many home and businesses benefit from these firms and operate their own VOIP phone networks on the Internet at a fraction of the traditional land line cost.

I'm in favor of supporting new Mobile, Social, and Business Video App Companies as well as Online-shared games who all need bandwidth without wasting vast natural resources required for travel.

Why do fantastic transportation systems (re: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0uYsP0kXJT4> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9vVlBe94dCs>) exist in Pakistan and China but not in the USA? Much like the FCC, the US Dept of Transportation has quelled such innovation and taken automotive lobby interests at hand. No more!

Verizon, AT&T, and Comcast bought the US Congress (via the FCC) in 2017 to lift the net neutrality laws of the land in 2017. Stop such dangerous tampering and restore net-neutrality to every American household and business. I will vote every one of your constituents out of office and the US people will dismantle the FCC and DOT entirely into an infrastructure that better supports Americans, versus the huge tax-dodging corporations.

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